

## APPENDIX E

# TARGET NUMBERING SYSTEM

This appendix implements STANAG 2147/QSTAG 221, Edition 4, Amendment 2.

*To designate nonnuclear targets for fire support operations, the Army adheres to the provisions of STANAG 2147 and QSTAG 221. Target designators consist of two letters followed by four numerals; for example, AA1000. This numbering system is used for each corps-size force.*

*Normally, nuclear targets are not assigned a special block of target numbers. A target should be assigned a number when it is received at a fire planning agency. If a target is selected for attack, the most appropriate means of attacking the target will be used (nuclear, chemical, or conventional) as determined by target analysis. That analysis is guided by the commander's attack guidance and other factors (nature of target, munitions available, and so forth).*

### First Letter Designator

The first letter of the two-letter group designates a particular nation or a corps associated with a particular nation as shown in the table below.

Each army headquarters will allocate a first letter to its corps. A corps may be assigned more than one letter. Letters assigned to each nation may be reused as long as the adjacent corps of that nation do not share the same letter.

### NATIONAL IDENTIFYING LETTERS

NATION	LETTER	NATION	LETTER
Australia	V	Netherlands	H
Belgium	B	Norway	N
Canada	C, Z	Portugal	P
Denmark	D	Spain	S
France	F	Turkey	T
Germany	G	United Kingdom	U, X
Greece	E	United States	A, K, Y, W
Italy	R	AMF (L)	M
Luxemburg	L		
LEGEND: AMF (L) = ACE (Allied Command Europe) Mobile Force (Land)			

## Second Letter Designator

The second letter is assigned by corps down to brigade level. Also, second letter designators are made for corps artillery CPs, corps FS cells, div arty CPs, and division FS cells. The letters I and O are not used.

## Blocks of Numbers

Blocks of numbers are assigned by those headquarters having two assigned letters. Field artillery elements assign blocks from 0001

### SAMPLE LETTER DESIGNATORS FOR XII (US) CORPS WITH 54TH MECH DIV AND 16TH ARMOR DIV

ORGANIZATION	LETTER DESIGNATOR
12th (US) Corps	A
12th (US) Corps Artillery CP	AX
12th (US) Corps FS Cell	AY
54th Mech Div FS Cell	AA
54th Mech Div Arty CP	AB
1st Bde, 54th Mech Div	AC
2d Bde, 54th Mech Div	AD
3d Bde, 54th Mech Div	AE
4th Bde, 54th Mech Div	AF
16th Armd Div FS Cell	AG
16th Armd Div Arty CP	AH
1st Bde, 16th Armd Div	AJ
2d Bde, 16th Armd Div	AK
3d Bde, 16th Armd Div	AL
4th Bde, 16th Armd Div	AM

through 7999 as needed. A battalion- or squadron-size element with a block of numbers suballocates numbers. Assignments are shown in the following tables.

### ASSIGNMENT OF BLOCKS OF NUMBERS

NUMBER	ASSIGNED TO
0001-1999	FS cell
2000-2999	FSO, lowest numbered maneuver battalion or squadron <sup>1</sup>
3000-3999	FSO, second lowest numbered maneuver battalion or squadron
4000-4999	FSO, third lowest numbered maneuver battalion or squadron
5000-6999	Additional FSOs
7000-7999	FDC, direct support artillery
8000-8999	Counterfire targets
9000-9999	Toxic chemical targets
<sup>1</sup> Lowest regimental number.	

### SUBASSIGNMENT OF BLOCKS OF NUMBERS

NUMBERS	ASSIGNED TO
000-199	FS cell
200-299	FIST, Co A
300-399	FIST, Co B
400-499	FIST, Co C
500-699	Additional FISTs and/or COLTs
700-799	Battalion mortar platoon, squadron, or howitzer battery
800-999	As required